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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 16th-October, through Sunday, 23rd-October there were 234 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3D2/r, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C6, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FO/m, FP, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, H40, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J5, J6, J7, J8, JA, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PJ7, PY, PZ, R1FJ, S2, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T33, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TR, TT, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK0M, VK9C, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZK2, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

3D2R, ROTUMA

The Rotuma High School Amateur Radio Station, 3D2RI, was heard active again this past week on 20/15 meters SSB. Their QSL Manager Stan, KH6CG, reports on (QRZ.com) (under 3D2RI): "Dennis, who is 16 years old, reports that his operating group will be active on Tuesdays and Thursdays. His operating buddy will be a YL named Maggie. I spoke with Maggie today and she is a very well spoken young lady and is anxious to learn all about Ham radio and working DX. Joshua, who is 15 years old, will be active with his operating group on Wednesdays and Fridays. His operating partner will be a YL named Lesina. The school may allow operations on the weekends as well..... Look for 3D2RI starting around 0400z ON 15m SSB, on or near 21255 kHz until propagation fades, then they will QSY to 20m SSB on 14253 kHz (+/- QRM) until around 0600z when it is time for the students to head home. Hopefully they will be able to expand hours and add other bands and modes." Read more details and see some pictures on (QRZ.com).

3XY, GUINEA

The 3XY1D team is now active until November 1st. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. As of 0738z, October 23rd, the 3XY1D operation has made 16984/QSOs (3316/SSB, 13443/CW, 77/PSK and 148/RTTY). Online logs are available at:

<http://www.dl7df.com/3xy1d/index.html>

QSL via DL7DF, direct or by the Bureau.

4L, GEORGIA

Operator Gia, 4L4WW, will be active as 4L0A from Obcha (Western Georgia) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (40m)/High-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or via EA7FTR. He states, "PLEASE do not send QSL cards direct to him".

60M ACTIVITIES

The "60m DX Newsletter" reports that the following were recently on 60 meters: 3D2R, 9K2YM, A92IO, CU3AK, G0HNV, I2VRN, KH7HBK, LA9RY, OM1II, OZ1BCG, V47JA, VP9GE and YJ0VK. What to look for in the coming weeks: PJ7/K4UWH, PJ7/W4BUW and ZK2V.

6V, SENEGAL

Just a reminder that Seb, F8IJV, will once again be active as 6V7Q from Le Calao resort in Senegal between October 22nd and November 11th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters, operating mainly on SSB, possibly some Digital and CW too. He plans to take an Acom 1011 amplifier with him this time. Seb will also be active during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th). QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. Log will be uploaded to LoTW.

6O, SOMALIA

Darko, J28AA/E70A, will be active as 6O0DX from Somalia between November 21-30th. He usually operates on CW, SSB and RTTY, and on 80-10 meters. QSL via K2PF or E77E.

6Y, JAMAICA

Paul, K1XM, will be active as 6Y9X from [Jamaica \(NA-097](http://QRZ.com), WLOTA 0214) and plans to be in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry (possibly Assisted too, if there is a reliable InterNet connection). He will be there between

October 25-30st. Activity outside the contest will be mostly CW, depending on what antenna repairs are needed and how long they take to fix. QSL via KQ1F.

8Q, MALDIVES

Members of the Russian "Ural Contest Group" (UCG) will be active as 8Q7DV during both the CQWW DX Contests (CW and SSB) as follows:

* Operator Vadim, R9DX, will operate the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Single-Op entry. Activity outside of the contest will be on 160-6 meters using a Elecraft K3, Acom 2000 and vertical antennas.

* Operators Vadim/R9DX, Igor/UA9CDC, Vitaly/RN4WA, Igor/RA9CMO and Sergei/UA9CGA will operate during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th) as a Multi-Op entry.

Activity outside of both contests will be mainly on 160/80 meters. However, they also plan to be active on 30/17/12/6 meters bands. QSL both operations via R9DX (ex-UA9CLB). Take a look at their previous operations at:

<http://radio-8q7dv.narod.ru>

9H, MALTA

John, ZB2JK, will be active as 9H3JK from **Malta (EU-023)** between now and October 25th. His bands and modes of activity were not provided, but he will be active mainly portable using a YAESU FT-857 and an ATAS 120 (Automatic Tuning Antenna) into a mobile antenna. QSL via ZB2JK direct.

9V, SINGAPORE

Martin, F8UKP, a F6KOP member, will be working in **Singapore (AS-019)** for the next three years and will be active as 9V1RM. Activity will be limited to his spare time only. Operations will be on 40-10 meters using CW, SSB and PSK. Currently he is using a skyloop antenna using the maximum legal power in 9V-land (100 watts). He has the permission to set up a hexbeam antenna in the near future. QSL via LoTW or direct to the address on (QRZ.com). There is a possibility to QSL by the Bureau in the future (Information will be given in due time).

AH0, MARIANA ISLANDS

Operators Kuniyoshi/7L1FPU (W1FPU), Moto/W1NDE, Danilo/AH0BM, Hajime/AH0BR, Naoyuki/NA8O, Makoto/W3FO and Hiroyuki/KW2X will be active as AH0BT during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Multi-2 entry. The team will try to be active on 160/17/12 meters after the contest (November 1-2nd). QSL via 7L1FPU, by the Bureau or direct (w/SAE and 2 USDs) to: Kuniyoshi NAKADA, PMR9292, 3-23-3, Minami-Oi, Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo, 140-0013, JAPAN.

AH2, GUAM

Members of the Guam Contest Club will be active as AH2R during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Multi-Single entry. Operators mentioned are:

Toshinobu/JI3ERV, Mikiawa/JR7OMD, Ohta/JO1DFG, Miyazawa/JP7DKQ and Sato/JH7QXJ. QSL via JH7QXJ.

ADDED NOTE: They suggest to listen to 7075-7100 kHz. QSL via JH7QXJ.

B3, CHINA

Members of the TianJin Contest Club (BY3CQ) and Ben/DL8UI will be active as B3C during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th). QSL via BA4EG.

C37, ANDORRA

An international team (and members of "Tifariti Gang") will take part in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as C37N from the URA official station located at Naturlandia, the Thematic Pyrenean mountains Ecologic Park. Operators mentioned are: Antonio/EA5RM (Team Leader), Joan/C31US, Salvador/C31CT, Belisario/C31KC, Josep/C31JM, Michel/ C31MO, Marti/C31VM, Juan/EA1CJ, Carlos/EA1DVY, Alberto/EA1SA, Roberto/ EA2RY, Manuel/EA7AJR, Vincent/F4BKV, Flo/F5CWU, Fabrizio/IN3ZNR, Jun/ JH4RHF, Valery/RG8K, Dimitri/UY7CW/EA4CWW and Mike/UA9KGH. QSL C37N via EA4URE: Spanish Amateur Radio Unión, P.O.Box: 220, E-28080 Madrid, Spain. For more details and an online log, see:

<http://www.dxfriends.com/c37n>

C5, THE GAMBIA

By the time you read this, the Czech-Slovak team (with 12 operators) should be active as C50C until November 1st, and again between November 20-28th. Their main aim is to participate in both parts of the CQWW DX Contests (SSB and CW) under the callsign C5A. QSL via Brani, OM2FY. The complete details can be found at:

<http://www.om0c.com>

C6, BAHAMAS

Members of "Team Vertical" will be active as C6AAW from North Palmetto Point, Eleuthera, Bahamas, during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th) as a Multi-Multi entry. QSL via WA4WTG. Operators mentioned are Gene/KB7Q, Fredrick/KE7X, Walter/N6XG, Jeffrey/N6XR, Mike/WA6O and Ken/K2KW. Operators will be there between November 18-28th. They will use their personal C6A callsigns outside of the contest. QSL via the operator's instructions.

DXCC NEWS (Special "paper application offer" procedure for ST0R QSLs -- please read carefully)

Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL Awards Branch Manager, reports: "The cards for the 2011 ST0R operation from the new DXCC entity of South Sudan are now being received by DXers around the world. With next year's publishing deadline for 2011 results fast approaching on 31 December, 2011, we will offer a special, reduced-price option for those DXCC participants who have already made at least one application during 2011.

* You MUST have already made a submission in the 2011 calendar year via either LoTW or via a traditional, paper application. If you have made an application already in 2011, then you may submit a paper ST0R QSL (no other cards, just the ST0R South Sudan card) following these rules:

* Enclose 5.00 USDs (check, money order, CC#, or cash at your risk) for USA amateurs;

- * Enclose 6.00 USDs (check, money order, CC#, or cash at your risk) for non-USA amateurs;
 - * Enclose an SASE for the return of the STOR card;
 - * This special submission is ONLY for the STOR card;
 - * If ANY other card(s) are included this will be considered a full sub- mission subject to full fees, even if you already submitted in 2011;
 - * These submission conditions apply ONLY if you have already made a submission in 2011; and
 - * This offer DOES NOT apply if you have not yet made your 2011 sub- mission.
- All DXCC fees are in effect as you can include this card with your regular submission;
- * This special offer expires on December 31, 2011, and is NOT extended into 2012."

EI8, IRELAND

Olivier, ON4EI, will be active as EI8GQB from Fethard between October 24-31st. Activity will be on 160-10 meters. He plans to be in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a SO2R (Single- Op/2-Radio) entry, using 5 portable antennas (check out QRZ.com). QSL via ON4EI by the Bureau.

EY, TAJIKISTAN (Update)

Nodir, EY8MM, from Dushanbe, announced that he will also be active during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th), as well as the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th), as a Single-Op/ Single-Band (TBD) entry. QSL K1BV via direct, by the Bureau or LoTW. Check out his home page at:

<http://www.ey8mm.com>

GJ, JERSEY

Members of the Jersey Contest Group will be active as GJ2A from Jersey Island (EU-013) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as Multi-Single entry. QSL via LoTW, or direct to GJ3DVC.

IOTA NEWS

AS-191. Operators Abdul/7Z1CQ, Al/7Z1AQ, Suli/7Z1SJ, Ali/HZ1BT, Abdul/ HZ1BW, Abdul/HZ1DG, Daher/HZ1DS, Hani/HZ1HN, Mohamad/HZ1MD, Ali/HZ1TT, Nhaw/HZ1TL and HZ2TT will be active as 7Z7AA from **Jabal Al Lith**, Saudi Arabia, between November 17-25th. Details of activity were not provided, but watch the IOTA frequencies. This is a rare IOTA. QSL via 7Z1CQ.

EU-058. If you worked F/I2GPT this past Saturday, activity was from **Sainte Marguerite Island** for a one day operation. The operators were Vittorio/I2GPT, Roberto/IK2PGM, Antonello/IT9YVO, Paolo/ IW2HKW, Giorgio/IZ2BKP, Mauro/IZ2FLX and Marco/IZ2QCP. The group planned to have two stations on the air between 0700- 1600z. QSL via I2GPT, direct or by the Bureau (request by E-mail to i2gpt.@yahoo.com).

SA-040. Paco, EA7ATX, will be active as HK1/EA7ATX from Tierrabomba Island (WLOTA

0296, ARLHS COL-052), Colombia, between November 17-20th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters SSB only. Paco has a survey available (for band needs) on the following Web page at:

<http://sa040.blogspot.com>

QSL via his home callsign. An online log will be available via his Web page or from

<http://www.clublog.org/>

SA-088. A team of operators are being organized by Fabio, PP5BZ, to activate **Santana de Fora Island** during early February 2012. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW, SSB and possibly RTTY. More details are forthcoming.

J2, DJIBOUTI

Freddy, F5IRO, who has been active as J28RO since July 2010, is planning to be active in the upcoming CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Single-Op entry. He is expected to stay here until July 2012. His normal activity will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. His QSL Manager is F8DFP. QSL direct (w/SAE + valid IRC PLEASE NO MONEY AT ALL), or by the French REF-Union Bureau. The direct cards without the above mentioned will be answered by the Bureau. For updates and more info, visit his Blog at:

<http://j28ro.blogspot.com>

KH6BZF PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (October 24-30th)

Oct/24th	AN*	Oct/27th	AN	Oct/29th	AN
Oct/25th	AN	Oct/28th	AN	Oct/30th	AN
Oct/26th	AN				

*LEONIDS MINORIDS METEOR SHOWER (MAX)

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

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NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
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AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRD - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

LX, LUXEMBOURG

Philippe/LX2A will be active as LX7I during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via LX2A. Visit the LX2A Web page at:

<http://www.lx2a.com>

OH0, ALAND ISLAND

Operator Tomi, OH6EI, will once again be active as OH0Z during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th) as a Single-Op/ All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via W0MM.

PJ'S ACTIVE, LISTEN CAREFULLY

There are a few PJ stations that will be in the contest next weekend with callsign very similar (PJ2T, PJ4T and PJ6T). PLEASE LISTEN CAREFULLY WHEN LOGGING YOUR QSO.

PJ4, BONAIRE (Contest Station Available)

Jeff, KU8E, member of the PJ4A Team, announced that there is a new Web site up and running for the "Radio House" on Bonaire (SA-006, WLOTA L 1279). There are many "prime" contest weekends open for the rest of this year and in 2012. Currently, there are 3 world records that have been set from this location. Check it out at:

<http://www.pj4g.com>

Look for PJ4T in CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th), and in a couple of weeks later PJ4A in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th).

PJ4, BONAIRE

Members of "Team Tango" will be active as PJ4T from **Bonaire (SA-006, WLOTA L 1279)** during the CQWW SSB DX Contest (October 29-30th). The team will be lead by Dale, N3BNA. The other Team Tango operators include Luc/LU1FAM, Roberto/LU2FA, Diego/LU8ADX, Katsuhiko/JH5GHM/1 and Noah/K2NG. Some of the operators will be active before and after the contest between October 24th and November 2nd. QSL PJ4T via KA2AEV direct only. QSL PJ4/N3BNA via KA2AEV. QSL via PJ4/LU1FAM via LU2FE. All others listen for QSL instructions.

PJ5, SABA AND ST. EUSTATIUS (Update)

Operators Wlodek/SP6EQZ and Janusz/ SP6IXF will once again be active as PJ5/SP6EQZ (CW only) and PJ5/SP6IXF (SSB and RTTY); from St. Eustatius (NA-145) between October 20th and November 3rd. They will be active exactly from the same QTH (Grid Loc. FK87ML) as last time. Activity will be on all HF bands, 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY, running two high power stations using wire antennas, verticals and a Spiderbeam. Also, look for Janusz to participate in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as PJ5/SO6X. QSL via their home callsigns, direct or by the Bureau. Logs will be uploaded to

<http://www.clublog.org/>

during the DXpedition. The DXpedition's Web site is now available at:

<http://pj5-2011.dxing.pl>

PJ6, SABA ISLAND

Members of the Prairie DX Group will be active as PJ6T from **Saba Island (NA-145)** between October 26th and November 1st. Activity will be on 160-10 meters, including the 30/17/12 meter bands, using CW, SSB and RTTY. They will have 2 stations operating simultaneously. The group will also be an entry in the upcoming CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th). Operators mentioned are Greg/N9GL, Todd/W9YK, Rick/KF4ZZ, Kay/KB9QYM, Gehl/KB9DVC and Bruce/K5WBM. QSL via LoTW or N9PD direct.

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN (Update to [OPDX.998/Reminder](#))

Operators Jan/DJ8NK, Paul/F6EXV, Kan/JA1BK and Rich/K2WR will be active from Sint Maarten (NA-105) between October 26th and November 9th. Callsigns to be used are PJ7J, PJ7NK and PJ7X. Look for PJ7X to be active during the upcoming CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Multi-Single entry. Outside of the contest, look for PJ7J to be on 80/75

meters, PJ7NK on the Digital modes, and PJ7X on other bands and modes. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 3512, 7015, 10105, 14028, 18073, 21028, 24895 and 28028 kHz

SSB - 3793, 7092, 14192, 18135, 21292, 24935 and 28492 kHz

PSK - 3588, 7038, 10138, 14078, 18098, 21078, 24918 and 28078 kHz

RTTY - 3582, 7042, 10142, 14088, 18102, 21088, 24922 and 28088 kHz

QSL PJ7J via JA1BK, PJ7NK via DJ8NK, PJ8X via F6EXV. For more details, check the following Web pages at:

<http://www.pj7-2011.org>

<http://www.f6exv.org>

QSL INFO AND NEWS

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (dated October 22nd)

1B/DH8WLA via DH8WLA	ED5RKB via EA5RKB	PJ2/K8LEE via K8LEE
3DA0GF via ZS6AYU (direct)	EG5VOR via EA5KB	PJ7/DB4BJ via DB4BJ
3W2BB via XW2A	FY5LH via F5KDR	PY2ZZZ via OZ1HHH
3XY1D via DL7DF	HB0/DF5MA via DF5MA	TX3T via RZ3EC
4C1JPG via XE1GZU	HI8AAX via EA5GL	TX7M via RZ3EC
5B4PRC/P via 5B4AHO	HO1X via DK2KT	UA9CUA via W3HNC
5T0JL via ON8RA	KH7Y via EA5GL (new Manager)	UN9GD via DL8KAC
7P8CC via EI7CC	KL7/SP5EWX via SP5EWX	VK6ANC via VK6IR
9H3IT via IK4ALM	LA/DL3YDX via DL3YDX	VK9CX via DL7AFS
C5YK via ON7YK	LA/DL7URH via DL7URH	ZA1E via I2MQP
C21UF via LA5UF	LU1IV via W3HNC	ZD8O via OH0XX
DA35HEB via DL4NWM	NL8F via K8NA	
DL/JO2SLZ via JO2SLZ	OQ5A via ON4IG	

NOT THE QSL MANAGER FOR 3D2EG. Lilah, KE6EHD, has been receiving several direct QSL requests for a RTTY operation by 3D2EG during the contest on September 25, 2011. However, KE6EHD is NOT the QSL Manager for that or any other DX operation. The correct QSL route is via K3IRV, direct or by the Bureau. The operator was PY5EG, one of the members of the 3D2R team.

STOR QSL AND LOTW STATUS. Antonio, EA5RM, informs OPDX: "As you may know, the distribution of STOR QSL cards has begun. The Republic of South Sudan was recently added to the DXCC entities list, so each QSO confirmed by our manager will be the confirmation of a new one. Because of this, the DXCC Desk has expressed the concern that they may be overwhelmed by thousands of applications to credit the new entity. Consequently, we have decided to make an exception, and upload to the LOTW all the individual donor QSOs and OQRS ones, by 1st November. STOR TEAM"

U.S. POSTAGE TO INCREASE. It was announced this past week that the price of the first-class stamp will go to 45 cents starting on January 22nd, 2012 (the first increase in more than two years). The cost to mail a postcard will go up three cents to 32 cents, letters to Canada or Mexico will increase five cents to 85 cents, and letters to other international locations will increase seven cents to 1.05 USDs. Reason given for the increase: "The Postal Service is facing a financial crisis because mail volumes have declined as more people use electronic mail or the

services of private sector competitors such as FedEx and United Parcel Service. For more info, go to:

http://about.usps.com/news/national-releases/2011/pr11_factsht_pricechng_1018.pdf

VP9/N0JK QSL STATUS. Jon, N0JK, reports to OPDX, "I have just received new QSL card stock and have answered all QSL requests received for the July 2011 VP9/N0JK 6 meter activity. We moved several times during the summer and my permanent address for QSL requests now is: Jon Jones, 5212 Eisenhower Place, Lawrence, KS 66049.

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 5V7CC, 9H1SP, BD4CQ, BD4FM, BX5AA, EA1DR, EA5AR, EA9IE, FG5FR, HB9LCW, HI3A, J39BS, JN1GTG, JW5X, K7P, KH6MB, LN3Z, LU5FZ, MM0AMW, NL7G, OH1XT, OK6DJ, PJ4LS, PY1KN, R0/KE5JA, RA0FU, RA1QD, RD3BZ, RI1ANC, SM4OTI, SV9/GM3YOR, UA3AP, UT7UJ, VK6HD, VK7ZE, YN2GA, YO3JF, YO9HP and Z21BB

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 8P9AA, 9H5BZ, 9A2N, A61ZX, C91KHN, CN8QY/p, CU2AF, DU1GM, HI8SAR, HL3ERJ, HS0ZCW, KL7RRC, MD0CCE, MD9Y, RI1ANC, ST0R, ST2AR, SV1CQN, VP2MNK, YL2BJ, ZK2A and ZK2AB

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 3C9B, 3C0C, 3W1M, 4K9W, 4K0W, 5K8T, 5Z4ES, 6Y5/WE9V, 7Z1HL, 9Y4W, A25KDJ, AP2TN, C5A, CN2BC, CN2SD, J3A, HI7/EA7LS, HK3JJH, KH7AR, OX2A, OX3XR, P40Y, P49Y, PJ2/K2NV, TO5RZ, VK9RR, VP2MDG, VP2V/K6VVA, XE2/K6PT, XV9DX, XX9TLX, YI9VCQ and ZP6/N3BNA

SILENT KEY

It has been reported that Dudley, Z22JE, became a Silent Key (SK) on October 10th. Dudley was Vice President of the Zimbabwe Amateur Radio Society (ZARS). OPDX and its reader would like to send out our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Z22JE.

T2, TUVALU (T2T Press Press)

Bill, VK4FW, sent out the following press release on October 21st: "The Online QSL Request Service (OQRS) for the 3D2T and T2T is set up for people to use, BUT it is extremely important for everyone to refrain from using it before I return home on the 11th December 2011, so that the mailbox does not become full and E-mails start bouncing. The URL for the online OQRS is

www.vk4fw.com/oqrs.php

The online log for T2T is also set up and ready to go. There will be no online log available at this stage for 3D2T."

T32, CHRISTMAS ISLAND

With only a few days to go, the Five Star DXers Association (FSDXA) group continues to be very active as T32C from Kiritimati (Christmas Island) until October 26th. As of 0712z, October 23rd, the T32C operation has made 203360/QSOs with 47422 Unique Callsigns (83670/SSB, 98479/CW, 686/PSK, 18805/RTTY and 1713/FM). Logs will be uploaded to ClubLog

www.clublog.org/charts/?c=T32C&a=embed

on a daily basis, and any news posted will be on the T32C website. For more details/ updates, visit their Web page at:

<http://www.t32c.com>

ADDED NOTES:

* LEADERBOARD SCORING AT T32C: Michael/G7VJR and Marios/5B4WN from the "Club Log" web page

<http://www.clublog.org>

report the following:

"During the T32C expedition, a large number of stations have succeeded in working the maximum number of slots possible, or share the same number of slots as a large number of other stations. Using the 'first past the post' scoring system, those who worked these slots first are ranked highest. Duplicates count negatively.

This scoring system has been manipulated by a small number of stations operating illegally. They have determined that by using someone else's callsign and working T32C, they can create duplicates and force that callsign down the leaderboard.

Ranking changes -- In response to this problem, the scoring system for the T32C is changing to a ranking that does not penalize duplicate QSOs. This removes the loophole that is being exploited. This change will be made live on 19th October, with the agreement of the T32C expedition team, to improve the fairness of the scoring."

*** OCTOBER 21ST WEB PAGE RELEASE:**

"The QSO count is currently at 188.75k with 49% CW, 41% SSB and 9% RTTY. As you might guess we are working hard to exceed 200k.

During the day (local time) we are running a 6m beacon on 50.102 MHz. If you hear the beacon please put a note on the cluster and we will break the beacon and try for QSOs. So far we have had 99 six meter QSOs, mainly with the West Coast USA and Hawaii. The beacon has been heard in Japan and South America. We have also completed a number of 6m EME QSOs.

With just a few days to go to the end of the DXpedition, we are beginning to plan the station close down. There will be a phased shut down beginning at 1600z on Monday 24th October, with the last station closing by 0100z on Tuesday 25th. We will keep the 'high rate' stations running as long as possible.

If you look at the on line log and QSOs that were previously in there appear to be missing, don't despair, query the log a little later, they will be there."

UPDATED NOTE: The T32C operation has surpassed the 200k QSOs mark as of press time making the Christmas Island, Eastern Kiribati, DXpedition the highest total for a DXpedition previously held by the VP6DX DXpedition.

T4, CUBA

Operators Luis/CO6LP, Orelvis/CO6LC, Yordany/CM6YAC, Jose/CO6EC, Carlos/CO6CAC and Edor/CO7PH will be active as T46A during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Multi-?e entry. QSL via CO6LC.

T6, AFGHANISTAN (Update)

Les, WB8LES, who is active as T6LB from FOB (Forward Operation Base) Shank, Loghar Province, states that he monitors 14315 kHz every day from 1230-1430z. Les will be posting updates on ([QRZ.com](http://www.qrz.com)). He is expected to be there until November 7th. QSL via WB8LES.

TK, CORSICA

Sal, IK8UND, will be active as TK5KP during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power/(possibly Assisted mode) entry. QSL via TK5EP. He states that he will be active prior to the contest on CW and RTTY.

TL, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Remember to look for Rudi, DK7PE, to be active as TL0CW from Bangui, CAR, on a "one-man DXpedition" between October 26th and November 3rd. He states that CAR is not a real tourist place and the accommodations are very expensive (see details on [QRZ.com](http://www.qrz.com)). Activity will have an emphasis on 160/80 meters CW. QSL via DK7PE. For more details and updates, visit Rudi's Web page at:

<http://www.rooody.de>

TN, CONGO

It has been announced that an operation from Camp Brazzaville in the Congo will take place sometime in 2012. No other details were provided at this time. Look for more details to be forthcoming soon.

TU, IVORY COAST

Just a reminder that an Italian team consisting of Alfeo/I1HJT, Silvano/I2YSB, Vinicio/IK2CIO, Angelo/IK2CKR, Marcello/IK2DIA, Stefano/IK2HKT and Angelo/IK2RZP will be active as TU2T from the Ivory Coast this week between October 27th and November 11th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Suggested frequencies are:
CW - 1823, 3505, 7005, 10106, 14025, 18075, 21025, 24895 and 28025 kHz
SSB - 3780, 7056/7180, 14195, 18145, 21295, 24945 and 28495 kHz
RTTY - 10140, 14080, 18104, 21080, 24902 and 2808 kHz
6m - 50105 kHz - CW, SSB and Beacon

Pilot station will be Art, IK7JWY. QSL via I2YSB, direct (2 USDs Europe, 3 USDs outside Europe and SAE [NO IRCs and stamps) or via the OQRS. QSL via the Bureau to IK2CIO. For more details and an online log, visit the TU2T Web page at:

<http://www.i2ysb.com/joomla5>

Also, join the TU2T forum at:

<http://www.hamradioweb.org/forums/forumdisplay.php?f=62>

TX5, MARQUESAS ISLANDS (Update)

The international team of operators are now active as TX7M from Hatiheu, **Nuku Hiva (OC-027)** until November 1st. They plan to be active on 160-10 meters (including 30/17/12m) using CW, SSB and RTTY, with 4 stations on at the same time on different bands and modes. As of 0410z, October 23rd, the TX7M operation has made 28439/ QSOs with 10958 Unique Callsigns (13109/SSB and 15330/CW). For more details, visit the TX7M Web page at:

<http://www.tx7m.com>

V2, ANTIGUA (NA-100)

A team of operators will once again activate the V26B super station at Gunthroppes, during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Multi-Single entry. Activity will be on all bands. Please QSL V26B direct to KA2AEV or LoTW. Visit Team Antigua's Web page at:

<http://www.team-antigua.com>

V5, NAMIBIA

Martin, DL1ZU, will be active as V5/DL1ZU between December 21st and January 13th (2012). During his trip through the Caprivi strip, Martun will use an IC-706 with a vertical antenna and dipoles. In Windhoek, he will use a 3 element beam. QSL is "OK" via his home callsign by the Bureau.

V6, MICRONESIA

John, KH6DLK, will be working on **Ulithi Atoll (OC-078)** and is expected to be active as V63JB during his free time. Length of stay was not provided or plans of operations. QSL via KH6DLK (see QRZ.com). Domestic QSL must be accompanied with a SASE and International QSL must be accompanied with SAE plus IRCs or Greenbacks. No e-mail QSL, No Twitter, and No facebook please.

VE2, CANADA (Zone 2)

Operator Yuri, VE3DZ, will once again be active as VE2IM from Sept-Iles, QC (Zone 2), during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. Yuri informs OPDX that he will be there between October 25th and November 2nd. Activity before and after the contest will be on CW, SSB and RTTY, and the 30/17/12 meter bands. QSL via VE3DZ, direct or by the Bureau.

VK0M, MACQUARIE ISLAND

Kevin, VK0KEV, reports this week from **Macquarie Island (AN-005)**: "I am approaching my last weeks on Macquarie Island. In this time I would like to give as many people as possible that 'new one'. Unfortunately, there are many operators who are unaware of how to behave in a pile up and behave so badly other amateurs lose the contact opportunity. If you call incessantly, or call when another station or callsign is being requested you will receive a zero by zero report. Hopefully, this improves the opportunity of a contact for the polite and sometimes less strong stations. Thanks to the many skilled and polite operators who have taken the effort and time to make contact." QSL via JE1LET direct only (see QRZ.com).

VP2, MONTSERRAT

Operators Ron/N0AT (VP2MTA), Bill/W0OR (VP2MOR), Vlad/ N0STL (VP2MTL) and Tom/K3WT (VP2MWT) will be active from Montserrat (**NA-103**, WLOTA 1475) during the

end of November and early December for the contest season. Activity will include the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th) and the ARRL 160 Meter Contest (December 2-4th) using the callsign VP2MWG. QSL voa N0AT.

W3, UNITED STATES (Haunted LH Op!)

Look for Dan, KD3CQ, to activate the special event station W3H (Whiskey 3 Haunted) on October 31st, from Maryland's Lighthouses -- Point Lookout (ARLHS USA-628), listed as one of the USA haunted lighthouses, along with Point Lookout Light (ARLHS USA-1409), and possibly Solomon's Lump (ARLHS USA-767), if visible. Point Lookout was a "Union Prisoner of War Camp" set up to hold Confederate prisoners after the "1863 Battle of Gettysburg"; the lighthouse was used as the Infirmary. Activation will start at 1300z and end at 1345z, on 7270 kHz +/-, then 14270 kHz +/- and possibly 18150 kHz +/- . Please QSL direct only (no eQSL) to KD3CQ ([\(\(QRZ.com\)\)](http://QRZ.com) address) w/SASE (DX SAE w/1 USD or IRC).

WAP'S TOP TEN LIST

Gianni, I1HYW, informs OPDX that the Worldwide Antarctic Program (WAP) is pleased to announce their "Top Ten List" (updated as of Oct.16th) for the "WAP's 2011 TOP of the Honor Roll" (HR) for both the WADA and WACA Antarctic Awards:

WADA (Worked Antarctic Directory Award) -- K4MZU-178 Bases, GM3ITN-124 Bases, VE7IG-122 Bases, I1HYW-121 Bases, VE3XN-120 Bases, F6ELE-115 Bases, IK1GPG-113 Bases and I2YDX-101 Bases. Top HR is achievable when reaching 100 different Antarctic/Sub-Antarctic Settlements (Bases, Huts, Camps) referenced on WAP Directory. So far, 160 WAP-WADA Awards have been issued

WACA (Worked Antarctic Callsigns Award) -- VE7IG-302 Calls, VE3XN-266 Calls, I1HYW-244 Calls, IK1GPG-234 Calls, OM3JW-230 Calls, I2YDX-210 Calls and OE3SGA-202 Calls. So far, 142 WAP-WACA Awards have been issued.

The complete list of issued awards, can be seen at the WAP Web site. The WAP-WACA Awards scores at:

<http://www.waponline.it/WapAwards/WAPWACAAwardScores/tabid/71/Default.aspx>

WAP WADA Awards scores at:

<http://www.waponline.it/WapAwards/WAPWADAAwardScores/tabid/93/Default.aspx>

Just to remind the chasers that HRs and Top HRs consist of a personalized ceramic hand crafted plate, showing the Antarctic Continent. Those plates are made at the Ceramic School of the city of Mondovì-Italy. Also, let's not forget that the next "9th Antarctic Activity Week" (AAW) takes place between February 20-26th, 2012. Join them! More details are available on the WAP Web site at:

<http://www.waponline.it>

XV, VIETNAM. Retu, OH4MDY (OX3RZ/XU7MDY/XV2MDY)

will once again be active as XV2RZ from Southeast Vietnam between November 1st and December 12th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using the "normal modes" (CW and SSB). QSL only direct via OH4MDY with a SASE and 2 USDs. His log will be available online at:

<http://www.clublog.org>

Z3, MACEDONIA

Members of the Radio Club "Nikola Tesla" (Z37M) will be active as Z37M during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Multi-Single entry. Operators mentioned are: Igor/Z32ID, Dimitar/Z33DGM, Gogo/Z35GL, Ozren/Z35T, Chris/Z35X, Tone/Z36N and Venco/Z36W. QSL via Z37M, by the Bureau or info on (QRZ.com).

ZA, ALBANIA

Andrey, LZ2HM, will once again be active as ZA/LZ2HM from here between October 25th and November 1st. Activity will be on 160-2 meters using all modes. He will also be in the CQWW DX SSB Contest. QSL via his home callsign direct.

ZA, ALBANIA

Members of an Albanian contest team will be active as ZA3WW during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th). QSL via LZ2HM.

ZD8, ASCENSION ISLAND

Steve, G3ZVW/AF6SU, will once again be active as ZD8N from [Ascension Island \(AF-003\)](#) between November 21st and December 2nd. He has been off the island for almost three years. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. He is also expected to participate in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th). QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct.

ZD8, ASCENSION ISLAND

Operators Jorma/OH2KI (ZD8X) and Oliver/W6NV (ZD8W) will be active from [Ascension Island \(AF-003\)](#) during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th) as a Multi-Single entry using the callsign ZD8W. They expect to be active on the low bands before the contest weekend. QSL via their home callsigns.

ZK2, NIUE (Update to [OPDX.1002](#) & [OPDX.1007](#))

By the time you read this, operators Chris/GM3WOJ and Keith/GM4YXI will have arrived in Niue (as of midday Friday (U.S. time). Chris will be active as ZK2V, and Keith has obtained the callsign ZK2X. The operation will continue for 2 months through to December 20th. They plan to participate in (CQWW) contests as well. Activity on 160 meters will occur the first several weeks of the operation. They will also focus on 12/10 meters to EU, both paths. New for this trip will be an effort to provide "real time" logging on the Internet (Last minute update: However, latest reports indicate that poor WiFi signals are very weak in the shack, so they may not be able to use their new 'real-time' logging system). More details are available at

<http://www.zk2v.com>

LoTW will be updated frequently, and card requests are via N3SL.

ZONE 2 (Top-Band Op)

Operators Toshi/JA8BMK and Keith/VE7MID plan to activate CQ Zone 2 on 160 and 80 meters. They have arranged (through Yuri VE3DZ/VE2IM) to use the VE2CSI clubhouse on Sept-Iles which is in Zone 2 (50 Deg 12.33 Min N 66 Deg 21.85 Min W). Keith will pick up

Toshi in Montreal on October 30th, and drive him to Sept-Iles (1000km) on October 31st, so they can be operational between November 1-9th. They are planning on using a full size 80m vertical, 160m L (lots of radials!) and two beverages, using Toshi's 600w amp and a new K3 (Dual RX). The callsigns will be VE2/JA8BMK and VE7MID/VE2.



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